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REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004. In that Action, the Examiner rejected the claims primarily on based on the Shieh patent. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection of the claims and offers the foregoing amendments and following remarks in support thereof.

Claims 3, 4, 10 and 13 have been canceled by this Amendment without prejudice. Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 11, 12 and 14 have been amended by this Amendment. Claims 18-24 have been added. No new matter has been inserted. Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 11, 12 and 14-24 remain pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections.

Independent claims 1, 7 and 23 now claim that the body member has at least three outer side surfaces which define an opening extending from a top end of the body member to a bottom end of the body member. The Shieh patent, and the secondary references, fail to teach, disclose or suggest this claimed feature. Additionally, claims 7 and 23 and dependent claim 21 now claim that the weight holder or weight receiving pocket is externally located which also differs from the internal water chamber of Shieh. Independent claims 12 and 14 now claim that the light bulb of the claimed light assembly is located at or approximate to the top of the shaft member. Shieh fails to show this claimed feature and merely provides flashlights in the bottom seat member. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully traverses the Section 102 and 103 rejections based primarily on the Shieh patent and respectfully requests that such rejections be withdrawn.

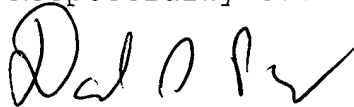
Applicant has completely responded to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Any additional charges, including Extensions of Time, please

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